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ENLARGEMENT OF THE PENITENTIARY.

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

The question of enlarging the penitentiary at Richmond has already been proposed, and, since the extra session to January is not to confound itself to providing for the convention, no other subject of equal importance can engage its attention.

A lady of Richmond of the highest social position and long interested in prison reform has recently prepared an address to the voters of the Commonwealth on this subject, an abridgment of which I hand you below, regretting that you have not room for it all. It speaks for itself, and its truth may be relied upon, as it was submitted to the penitentiary surgeon before publication and pronounced perfectly correct.

L. M. BLACKFORD.

Fairfax county, Va., Dec. 1900.

TO THE VOTER OF VIRGINIA.

A called meeting of the Legislature takes place in January, but a more important object than that for which it is called can be brought before it when it meets, and brought by you.

Our State prison, built for three hundred men, has, in some years past, held an average of fourteen hundred. One ordinary sized room, or cell, during the past year has contained twenty-nine men; several others over twenty each. All are crowded. Sleeping bunks, or shelves, are let into the walls on two sides of the cells (almost from floor to ceiling in some of them) leaving very small space for those packed there to move about the floor between them.

Each cell is lighted and ventilated by a small, heavily barred, window at one end, and a transom over the door opposite which leads into a confined court-yard, which itself has little fresh air, as it is enclosed on every side by lofty walls. No ordinary convenience of a modern house are supplied except bathing rooms, and every relief of nature must take place within the cells. It is almost a miracle that no scourge of disease has broken out among the inmates, and from them to the city all around, from this one dreadful cell alone. It is useless to try to describe fully the situation of these wretched men, locked by us in that horrible place, allowed to continue there year after year, without hope of relief and without appeal from our decision that they shall remain.

The cooking department is underground, dark and of necessity too cramped and small to furnish decently cooked food to such numbers, yet of all the men they need suitable nourishment to enable them to stand up to the work demanded of them under such terribly disadvantageous conditions. The hospital, too, greatly enlarged in recent years, is in the midst of the contracted court-yard into which every cell opens for its only chance of fresh air. No wonder men die in such a place easily. No wonder that so many who enter it strong and active come out broken to health and spirit.

Another horrible result of crowding is this. Numbers of comparatively innocent, at least not depraved men, confined perhaps for small offenses, are forced inexorably into contact with hardened villains, to be thus familiarized with degradation and vice. Go to Maryland, Pennsylvania, almost to any northern or western state, and see the spacious, wholesome buildings their penitentiaries are, with one, or at most two, prisoners to a cell, and then consider the abject misery in which you and I keep our helpless wards. Then you will be ready to go to your Delegate and Senator and tell them that this blistering, burning shame, under which our proud Commonwealth now rests, must be wiped out, that our penitentiary must be enlarged.

Three leading journals of the country have in the past year published stinging criticisms upon the State prison of Virginia. The world is wide awake, looking upon our disgraceful institution today. Let it look no longer! Charge your legislators, in the name of a God of mercy, to see that the \$50,000 turned yearly into the State treasury by the labor of these unfortunate prisoners, if no more, be used at once to build for them, not a luxurious habitation indeed, but one that will be a healthy and endurable abode for human beings.

Used by British Soldiers in Africa. Capt. C. G. Dennison is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Ghalish. Under date of Nov. 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Boshuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used myself, and had given to my men, and in every case it proved most beneficial." For sale by all druggists.

Rev. John R. J., of Great Falls, Mont., recommended Ely's Cream Balm to me, and emphasizes his statement, "It is a positive cure for catarrh of the bladder." (Rev. Francis W. Poole, Pastor Central Presbyterian Church, Helena, Mont.)

After using Ely's Cream Balm six weeks I believe myself cured of catarrh. (Joseph Stewart, Grand Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.)

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Ladies' Dress and Rainy-day Skirts, all styles and prices.

Ladies' and Children's Furs.

Misses' Coats \$2 to \$5.

French Flannel for waists, 29 to 60c

Velvets, 50c to \$1.

Boys' Toboggan Caps, 25c.

Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas, 98c to \$5.

Lace Curtains, 50c to \$5 a pair.

Gents' Dept.

Kid Gloves, \$1.

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Lot of Men's and Boys' Gloves at 25c

Ties, Bows Scarfs, Four-in-Hand, in the newest designs, 25 cents.

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Best Band Collars, 10 and 12 cents.

A lot of Night Shirts, 50c.

Every department contains bargains in profusion.

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Very large oak frame Couch, covered in valencia and heavy tufted, from \$7.50.

M. Ruben & Sons,

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We are glad to have every one come in and examine our new line of Christmas goods.

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Something you have never eaten, BOSTON CREAM PIE. Come and try it.

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